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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a draft Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The draft Environmental Impact Report can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa_public_review.html, at the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Project Processing Counter, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123, and at the public library listed below. Comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report must be sent to the DPLU address listed above and should reference the project numbers and name.

LOG NO. 1000004; SCH NO. 2010071015; DEIR FOR THE STRATEGIC REMOVAL OF DEAD, DYING AND DISEASED TREES IN THE GREATER JULIAN AREA analyzes the environmental effects of the County's proposed project to remove dead, dying and diseased trees up to a maximum of 500 feet from structures, facilities, and evacuation roads that provide access to three or more homes or facilities in the Greater Julian Area and Nearby Areas, as recommended by the Forest Area Safety Task Force. All dead, dying and diseased tree removal will occur on private properties with the consent of the property owner(s). Prior to removal, biological and cultural resources surveys will be conducted and any sensitive biological resources areas or cultural sites identified during the surveys will be avoided. The purpose of the project is to insure that during fires or other catastrophic events, dead, dying or diseased trees do not damage structures or fall onto roads where they could become impediments to evacuation or fire access. Furthermore, the removal of dead, dying and diseased trees is intended to create defensible space for fire fighters. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report must be sent to the DPLU address listed above and should be forwarded to the attention of Bobbie Stephenson. Comments can also be submitted via e-mail to Bobbie.Stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov. Comments on this proposed draft Environmental Impact Report must be received no later than **January 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** This draft Environmental Impact Report can also be reviewed at the Julian Branch Library located at 1850 Highway 78, Julian, CA 92036.